

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

IN RE HOLOCAUST VICTIM ASSETS LITIGATION	)	Master Docket No. CV-96-4849 (ERK) (MDG)
	)	(Consolidated with CV-96-5161 and CV-97-461)
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**ORDER**

Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP ("Lieff, Cabraser"), by Morris A. Ratner, one of Court-appointed Settlement Class Counsel, has applied for attorneys' fees and reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs. This Order is based on that application, the declarations of Morris A. Ratner regarding his firm's work on this matter, the July 11, 2002 Third Supplemental Declaration of Lead Settlement Class Counsel Professor Burt Neuborne, the record in this case, and the Court's opportunity to directly observe the contributions of Lieff, Cabraser, and of Mr. Ratner in particular, in the course of this litigation. The Court hereby finds as follows:

1. Lieff, Cabraser's total unadjusted lodestar, without any multiplier, is \$1,611,711.50. Lieff, Cabraser's expense reimbursement request is for \$470,994.86.
2. The Court is familiar with the work performed by Lieff, Cabraser, and believes that the lodestar reasonably reflects its contribution to the case, and the benefit conferred upon the Settlement Classes. Moreover, the support provided for the lodestar and the expenditures appears to reasonably reflect actual time invested and expenditures undertaken by Lieff, Cabraser.
3. Lieff, Cabraser does not challenge the recommendation of Lead Settlement Class Counsel Professor Burt Neuborne in his Third Supplemental Declaration. On the contrary, Lieff and Cabraser has waived the excellence multiplier recommended by Professor Neuborne which I would have granted based on my experience observing the

work of Morris Ratner who has served the Settlement Class with skill and dedication.

4. Lieff, Cabraser has a long-standing commitment to donate the attorney fee awarded to it to endow a human rights chair at Columbia University Law School, and to retain the reimbursement to it of its hard costs. Lieff, Cabraser reports that it decided early on in this case to donate its fee to create a law school chair that will help prevent or redress future human rights abuses.

5. Lieff, Cabraser has also recommended "that \$100,000.00 in any fees that the Court would have awarded to [it] in excess of 1.5 million needed to fund the Columbia Chair be distributed to Greta Beer, in recognition of her services to the Settlement Class members." Letter dated September 11, 2002. The Court agrees with the assessment of Greta Beer's services to the Settlement Class as outlined in the aforesaid letter.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: The application for fees and for reimbursement of costs by Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP, is hereby granted. The signatories to the Settlement Fund are directed to pay fees to Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP, of \$1,500,000.00 and reimburse Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP for hard costs in the amount of \$470,994.86, and pay Greta Beer, \$100,000.00, in recognition of her services to the Settlement Class members.

SO ORDERED:

Brooklyn, New York  
September 18, 2002



Edward R. Korman  
United States Chief District Judge